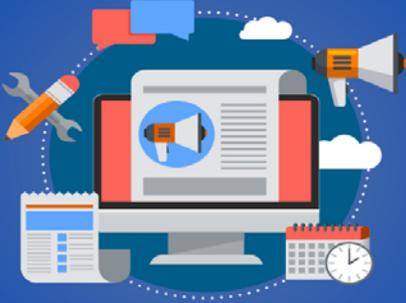


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No, I am Not a Great Man

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I am a common man; a middle class, pure common man.
Not an inch higher or lesser.
I follow the middle path without any
meditation or callous austerity.
I am a mediocre.
Neither I follow nor do I frame
any ideology or ism.
I am a common man
I can dare to declare
No great man like Aristotle, Angel or Marx
Buddha, Shankar, Gandhi or Vivekananda etc. etc.
are relevant to me.
No use of any greatness for me
in my struggle of day to day life.
I am a common man, I am cowardice.
I do have a fear of my boss, of losing the job, increasing prize index,
I fear scoundrel of streets and even police
I do not want my daughter to be seen by both of them.
I am weak, meek and mute.
I am a common man like an acrobat,
I do practice and equilibrium between
office and home,
salary and EMIs and dues,
younger and older of the family
wife and mother
my desires and duties.
I do wait for weekend to rest,
Wife and children plan fun their best.
I am a common man,
Neither, I have left home sleeping my children and wife,
to seek the salvation,
nor, I took oath of celibacy for the sake of greatness.
In my struggle of survival,
No great man and ism help me
yet
I am standing
Like a tiny Lamp against the storms.

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